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Sir:

In further response to the outstanding Final Rejection mailed June 30, 2005, and the Advisory Action issued September 15, 2005, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendments and arguments.

Claim amendments begin at page 2 of this Amendment; and

Remarks begin at page 8